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1. ☒ The amendment filed on May 13, 2002 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The Rule 312 amendment filed May 13, 2002 has not been entered because the paper filed does not amend either the specification, the inventorship, the drawings, or the allowed claims, but instead appears to comment on the examiner's reasons for allowance. There is no provision under 37 CFR 1.312 to amend the examiner's reasons for allowance (see MPEP 714.16). Applicants comments have been thoroughly reviewed. The examiner establishes for the written record that the examiner agrees with applicants comments made in the paper filed May 13, 2002. If applicant wishes to comment on the examiner's reasons for allowance, applicant may do so in a submission labeled "comments on statement of reasons for allowance" and must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee, as stated in the office action mailed 2/11/2002.

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